

KU academic year begins today

KARACHI, Dec 31: New academic year of the university of Karachi is commencing on Jan 1 after a semester break of one month, university officials said here on Thursday.

The first day of academic year 1998-99 will be observed as "orientation day", and orientation classes will be held in all departments to acquaint the new-comers with the pattern of study.

According to the chairman of admission committee, Dr Ishaq, almost 5,096 students had been given admissions in 43 departments of the university this year, of which 3,446 in honours classes and 1,650 in masters classes.

This year, he said, the university had given excessive admissions to the honours classes because of a gap between the schedules of entrance test for medical colleges and admissions to Karachi university.

"We have admitted 3,446 stu-

dents in honours the classes as against the total seats of 2,500. Only in B-Pharmacy, 52 students have been given admissions against the 200 seats", Ishaq added.

This, he said, had been done because of a long gap between the schedule of entrance test, and university admissions, a number of students of pre-medical group securing A, and A-one grades had got admissions to various university departments.

Two new departments had been introduced in 1998 — Bachelor in Business Administration (BBA), and Bachelor in Public Administration (BPA) — raising the total strength of the departments to 44.

Ishaq said that 50 admissions had been given in the BPA, while 50 admissions will also be provided in BBA soon. The department of Industrial Arts and Visual Designs would soon be started, he added.

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